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THE FIRST CLASS OF THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED GRADUATE SCHOOL will receive their Master's Degrees at the regular graduation exercises Tuesday, May 29, in Fine Arts Auditorium at eight o'clock in the evening.

Pictured above are the seventeen candidates who will receive their degrees, provided each has completed his research work at that time.

Beginning at the lower left-hand corner, reading up and clockwise, they are: Lester L. Gillespie, Jr., Natchitoches, M. Mus. Ed.; Phalammae Cromwell Gray, Natchitoches, M. Ed.; James Harold Roach, Keithville, M. Ed.; Burke Adam Brunet, Basile, M. Ed.; Virgie Martin Walker, Shreveport, M. A.; Frances Hammett Manning, Monroe, M. A.; Frank Pernici, Jr.,

Shreveport, M. Ed.; Estelle Richie Gremis, Bastrop, M. A.

Eddie Eugene Melder, Natchitoches, M. Ed.; Margaret Ackel Adkins, Natchitoches, M. Mus. Ed.; Dorothy Lee Roach, Wisner, M. Mus. Ed.; Esther Newton Terry, DeRidder, M. A.; Gordon T. Bradshaw, Natchitoches, M. Ed.; Elijah Leighton Harville, Natchitoches, M. A.; Cecile Crowell Burkett, West Monroe, M. Ed.; Edith Weber Cote, Natchitoches, M. A.; William Thomas O'Brien, Pineville, M. A.

In addition to those in the Graduate School, candidates for graduation to receive the Bachelor's

Degree total 146. Of these, 37 are candidates for the Bachelor of Arts Degree, four for Bachelor of Music Degree, 75 for Bachelor of Science Degree, 29 for Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and one 3-Year Diploma in Nursing.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON

The Baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Right Reverend Girault M. Jones, D. D., Episcopal Bishop of Louisiana, of New Orleans. These exercises will take place in the Fine Arts Auditorium Sunday evening, May 27, at eight o'clock. Special music will be given by the College Singers under the direction of Richard A. Lamb.

SENATOR LONG TO ADDRESS GRADUATES
Honorable Russell B. Long, United States Senator from Louisiana, will address the 162 graduates at the graduation exercises on Tuesday evening, May 29, in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Senator Long, though a veteran in the United States Senate, is the youngest senator in the Congress. He was elected to the Senate just one day prior to his thirtieth birthday, the legal age required before being able to sit in the U. S. Senate. He holds the unique distinction of being the only senator in the Congress whose father and mother both preceded him as U. S. Senator.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING ROTC MEMBERS



Colonel R. G. Markham is pictured above pinning the Association of the United States Army R. O. T. C. medal on Cadet Lieutenant Colonel James A. Enloe of Alexandria. The award is given that senior selected as the outstanding member of the second-year advanced course, senior division.

Standing to the left of Enloe is Cadet Major Van C. McGraw of Derry, and to his right is Cadet Corporal Lamy J. Chopin of Natchitoches. Extreme right are Cadet Master Sergeant James C. McNew of Ferriday, Cadet Corporal Alfred D. Lucius of Florien, and Cadet Private First Class Edward W. Graham of Natchitoches.

R. O. T. C. AWARDS were presented at special exercises the first week in May to those students in the R. O. T. C. who were outstanding in the various phases of R. O. T. C. and academic work.

In addition to the award received by Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Enloe, pictured above, many additional awards were presented.

Receiving the Baker Award, a wrist watch, was Cadet Major Van C. McGraw, senior from Derry. This is an award given annually by Colonel Thomas A. Baker, United States Army Reserve, and is given to the outstanding member of the class in the first and second year advanced work.

The American Legion Award, a \$25 U. S. Bond and medal, was presented to Cadet Corporal Lamy J. Chopin of Natchitoches as outstanding member of the basic course.

The President's Ribbon, presented by the President of Northwestern State College, is an award to outstanding R. O. T. C. students in their respective classes. It is based upon overall scholastic standing, grades in Military Science, participation in extra-curricular activities, etc. Awarded the President's Ribbon were Cadet Master Sergeant Clifford L. Deney, Jr., of Natchitoches, Cadet Master Sergeant James C. McNew of Ferriday, Cadet Corporal Hollis R. Bray of Many, Cadet Corporal Al-

fred D. Lucius of Florien, Cadet Private 1/C Edward W. Graham of Natchitoches, and Cadet Private 1/C Charles D. Meyers of Sicily Island.

The Competitive Drill Ribbon went to Jo D. Brown, Natchitoches; Edwin A. Freeman,

Hodge; Gerald J. Schorr, New Orleans; Lamy J. Chopin, Natchitoches; Malcolm H. Havard, Harrisonburg; and Jerry H. Roy, Alexandria.

Drill Team Ribbon went to Cadet Captain Lester R. Brossett of Derry and 27 members of the drill team. The Honor Unit Ribbon was awarded to D Company, Cadet Captain Teddy R. Simon of Kaplan, commanding. All officers and members of "D" Company are authorized to wear the Honor Unit Ribbon.



Professor Ralph Combs of the Biology Department is pictured above giving instruction to his class on a field trip to Ocean Springs, Mississippi, while studying marine life. On the trip the class took the opportunity to visit the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory at Ocean Springs. They were conducted through the laboratory by Dr. Gordon Gunter, Director, a former graduate of Northwestern State College.

Donald Graham Awarded Danforth Grant

The Danforth Foundation granted one of only 63 fellowships for advanced study next year to Professor Donald L. Graham, member of the College faculty and debate coach. He plans to attend Louisiana State University this fall.

Dr. C. E. Dugdale, Dean, School of Arts and Sciences, said that Graham is the first N. S. C. faculty member to receive the grant. It was established to encourage college teachers to continue graduate work toward the doctorate, in the belief that the additional training will produce more competent teachers.

A native of Los Angeles, Mr. Graham received his undergraduate work at Pacific Lutheran College and his Master's Degree from Stanford University.

He is a member of the Speech Association of America, Louisiana Speech Association, American Forensic Association, Pi Kappa Delta honorary speech fraternity, and Alpha Mu Gamma, national honorary language fraternity. He is presently national chairman of forensics and lieutenant governor of Pi Kappa Delta province, which includes Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

John C. Merrill Writes For El Mundo

Featured in the Saturday Supplement (Suplemento Sabatino) of EL MUNDO, daily of San Juan, Puerto Rico, on March 31, was a special feature article entitled "Existe Muy Poca Informacion Sobre Indios Auca de Ecuador" written by John C. Merrill, N. S. C. (Continued on page 3)

BIOLOGY CLASS ON FIELD TRIP



DEMON TENNIS TEAM



Northwestern State's Tennis Team for 1956 is composed of the following, top row, left to right: Jerry May, Greenwood; Delbert Vines, Jonesboro; V. M. Callender, Haynesville (on team early part of season); Jack Fisher, Coach and graduate student from Natchitoches.

Second row: Bill Chamberlain, Elizabeth; Willard Rachal, Shreveport; and Wade Parson, Shreveport.

John Merrill—

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faculty member. The article, written in Spanish, is one of the requirements for the work on his Doctorate, which Mr. Merrill hopes to complete this next year at University of Iowa.

The Saturday Supplement in Puerto Rico is the equivalent of the metropolitan daily Sunday supplement in the States.

Nostalgia Among Ninety-Niners

The publication of the picture of the Class of 1899 brought forth several letters and requests for additional copies of the ALUMNI COLUMNS, as well as some corrections.

First to report was Dr. E. L. Miller of Jena. Dr. Miller stated: "Fifty-seven years constitutes so short a period of time. I am still young—going out this morning to give a few lectures. I retired as Director of Health three years ago, but my health activities continue."

Next comes a delightful letter from Mrs. S. M. Spiller of Leesville. The second from the left, bottom row, was none other than her beloved mother, Avie Curry (Mrs. F. P. Jones). She also knew others in the group and wanted extra copies for their children.

From 302 Albany Avenue, Shreveport, Mrs. J. M. Alford writes that she is pictured as the first person on the second row, reading from left to right. Mrs. Alford was the former Carrie

Weiland of Baker. Her name was erroneously listed as Miss Wiley. Our sincere apologies for the error. As a matter of fact, we could not find a Miss Wiley in the 1899 group, so we supposed the name was someone not in the old alumni records.

We would love to receive more letters from this class or learn the addresses of any of them. It will be our pleasure to send them copies of the Alumni Columns.

Now! Who has a picture of the Class of 1906? Will you please send it to us? The 1906 Class will be the Honor Fifty-Year Class for Homecoming this fall.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

BASEBALL

Coach Alvin "Cracker" Brown and his Demon Baseball Team closed out the season on May 12 with a shut-out against Northeast on Stroud Field. Wilmore allowed one single while taming the Indians, and furnished most of the power for the Demons by rapping two home runs and a double. The Demons scored 7 runs, and the pitcher got credit for six runs batted in.

This win gave the Demons a season record of 15 wins out of 21 games played for a percentage of .714.

In the Gulf States Conference, the Demon nine had a record of 8 wins and 4 losses for a percentage of .667. This will guarantee the Demons a tie for second place should the other teams win all remaining games. In the event Mc-

BRITTAİN'S DIVOT DIGGERS



The Demon Golf Team are pictured on a green at the Natchitoches Golf Club. They are, from left to right: Professor Lorane Brittain, coach; Jim Presson, Cairo, Illinois; Ronald Martin, Natchitoches; Bill Hicks, Natchitoches; Jimmy Hill, Natchitoches; Nicholas Fragala, Bastrop; and J. Bill Russell, assistant coach of Natchitoches. Not pictured is James Enloe, Alexandria, member of the team.

Neese loses the one remaining game to be played to complete her schedule, the Demons will be tied for first place in the Conference standings.

1956 has been one of the best seasons, percentage wise, for the Demons in recent years. Several members of the Demon squad are expected to be on the All-Conference selection when it is made by the Conference coaches. No Conference team won more than one game from the Demons.

TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

On May 19, Coach Walter Ledet will take his thinclads to Lake Charles for the Gulf States Conference Track Meet to see if they are able to win their fourth consecutive championship in the Conference.

Against Louisiana Tech, Northeast, and Mississippi Southern at Ruston on May 12, the Demons lost the first time since 1953 in any conference—dual, triangular, quadrangular, or championship meet. In that meet Louisiana Tech nosed out the Demons 80 1/2 to 77 5/6 points.

Keen competition is expected at the Conference meet this year, and records will fall by the dozen. Tech, Southwestern, McNeese, Southeastern, and Northeast each have individual stars that have broken Conference records. The Demons have also broken several Conference records in meets this season. With a good day and a fast track, anything can happen. Sorry we won't be able to give you the final results, as this is the last issue of Alumni Columns until September.

GYMNASTS ROLL AGAIN

The Demon Gymnasts continue to roll over all competition and have won every major competition during 1956. Major achievements for the past year were wins in the Mid-South Invitational Tournament (N. S. C. 142, Baylor 33 1/2, Texas A & M 23 1/2, Arlington State 14); Southwestern A. A. U. Gymnastic Championships (N. S. C. 70, Houston Y 52, Dallas A. C. 37, Nord's 30, U. of Texas 27 1/2); Southern A. A. U. (N. S. C. 91 1/2, N. O. A. C. 20, Wills GC 14, Hines GC 8, Miss. Sou. 0); Texas Open A. A. U. Gymnastic Championships (N. S. C. 82, Houston Y 56, U. of Texas 61, Baylor 7, D. Sokol 3).

The Demon Gymnasts have been undefeated three straight years in A. A. U. and Collegiate competition in Southwest Area. The team has not lost a meet in the last thirteen tournaments, and has won the Southern A. A. U. championship for the past seven consecutive years. A new title was added this year, the Texas Open A. A. U.

TENNIS AND GOLF

Without a tennis court at the College to practice until one week ago (the courts were torn up when construction on men's dormitory began), the Tennis Team under the direction of Jack Fisher has a 3 won, 3 lost record to this date. One match remains to be played before the GSC tournament.

Coach Brittain's Golf Team has won three matches out of eight played this season. The team will enter the GSC Tournament May 18-19 at Lake Charles.

1956 DEMON TRACK TEAM — CAN THEY REPEAT AS GSC CHAMPIONS THE FOURTH TIME?



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Three times G. S. C. champions, the 1956 Demon Track and Field Team are seeking their fourth successive conference championship. Bottom row, left to right, are Paul Adams, Bossier City; Linden "Country" Claybrook, Logansport; Sonny Jimes, Bossier City; John McClellan, Overton, Texas; Don Nichols, Haynesville; Tommy Straughan, Winnfield; Jerry Haynes, Sarepta; James Kelly, Benton; Douglas Burt, Minden; and Don Hill, Jonesboro. Middle row: Clyde Chesson, Vinton; Barney Seiler, Berne, Switzerland; Dale Hoffpauir, Lake Charles; Steve Jordan, Shreveport; Bobby Farrar, Shreveport; Judson Hale, Logansport; Jack Rogers, Springhill; Sammy Essmeier, Basile; Harold Smith, Shreveport; Lacey Lofton, Haynesville; and Pete Moore, Bossier City.

Top row: Ted Simon, Kaplan; Mixon Bankston, Dry Prong; Charles "Red" Hennigan, Minden; Ted Duggan, Florien; Harold White, Cairo, Illinois; Elvin McCann, Cheneyville; Pete Puckett, Lecompte; Bobby Wicker, Baton Rouge; Rudy Landry, Vinton; and Charlie Johnson, Bastrop. Not pictured is Larry W'bitt, St. Petersburg, Florida.

A L U M N I
Here 'n There

A note from Ray Perrin, ex '46, formerly of Ponchatoula, asks that his copies of the ALUMNI COLUMNS be sent to Box 716, Bartow, Florida. Ray has been living in Florida for several years. He is a chemist with Swift and Company, working at the phosphate mines.

Emmett P. Horn, Jr., B. S. '50, is now living in Westwego. He gets his mail at Box 295. Emmett is connected with the Seismic Engineering Company of Dallas, as Party Chief of Crew. Before returning to Louisiana this year, he worked in Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Texas.

F. F. Wimberly, A. B. '34, of New Iberia, has been elected to serve as Superintendent of Iberia Parish Schools. He will replace L. G. Porter, a graduate of the old Normal, who is retiring.

Wimberly has been principal of the New Iberia High School for several years. He has been active in the affairs of the Louisiana Education Association, the Louisiana

Athletic Association, and the Louisiana Principals Association.

A note from Mrs. W. R. Reynolds states that she has moved from West Palm Beach, Florida, to 1298 San Jose, Abilene, Texas, and doesn't want to miss an issue of the ALUMNI COLUMNS. Mrs. Reynolds is the former Amanda Merrill, B. S. '51, of Zachary.

J. C. Tillman, B. A. '51, formerly with the Natchitoches Enterprise, is leaving this week to accept a position as news editor for the Southwest Builder, in Sulphur.

The Southwest Builder is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Erbon W. Wise, both graduates of the College. Mr. Wise has been in the newspaper business for several years.

Mrs. Robert L. Cole (Isabel Pearce, Diploma, Nursing '53) writes that she and her family have recently moved from Little Rock, Arkansas, to 4315 Woodcrest Lane, Dallas 6, Texas. The Coles have a 20-month-old daughter, Linda. Mrs. Cole is eager to keep in touch with her old friends.

A letter from Mrs. Linnye Al-

ford Walker, 210 Camille Street, Amite, who, for some reason, has not been on our mailing list, certainly got action and an apology. She is now on the mailing list and should receive the Columns regularly. Then, too, she is a life member of the Alumni Association. Were our faces "red"?

● **BIRTHS** ●

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Parrott, 1501 S. Highway No. 77, Harlingen, Texas, are the proud parents of a daughter, Leontine Sue, born on March 6. Mr. Parrott received the B. S. Degree in 1943, and Mrs. Parrott, the former Dolores Dugas, received her B. S. Degree in 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy D. Butler, Box 29, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, have announced the arrival of a son, Cary Glen, on April 13. Billy received his B. S. Degree in 1951 and Mrs. Butler, the former Patricia Givens of Pineville, received her B. S. Degree at the same time.

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